

My name is Sarah Baugh, and I live in Central Montana. I am a Medical Cannabis Patient suffering from severe epilepsy and I am asking you to OPPOSE HB68.

My epilepsy was diagnosed when I was 15 yrs old. From the time I was diagnosed until I became a Cannabis Patient, doctors did their best to treat my epilepsy with various prescriptions. Year after year, modern medical treatments proved not only ineffective but extremely harmful for my body.

I was a size 6 prior to pharmaceutical therapy. After 5 years of pharmaceutical therapy, I weighed approximately 350 lbs, and I was still seizing every day. (Picture)

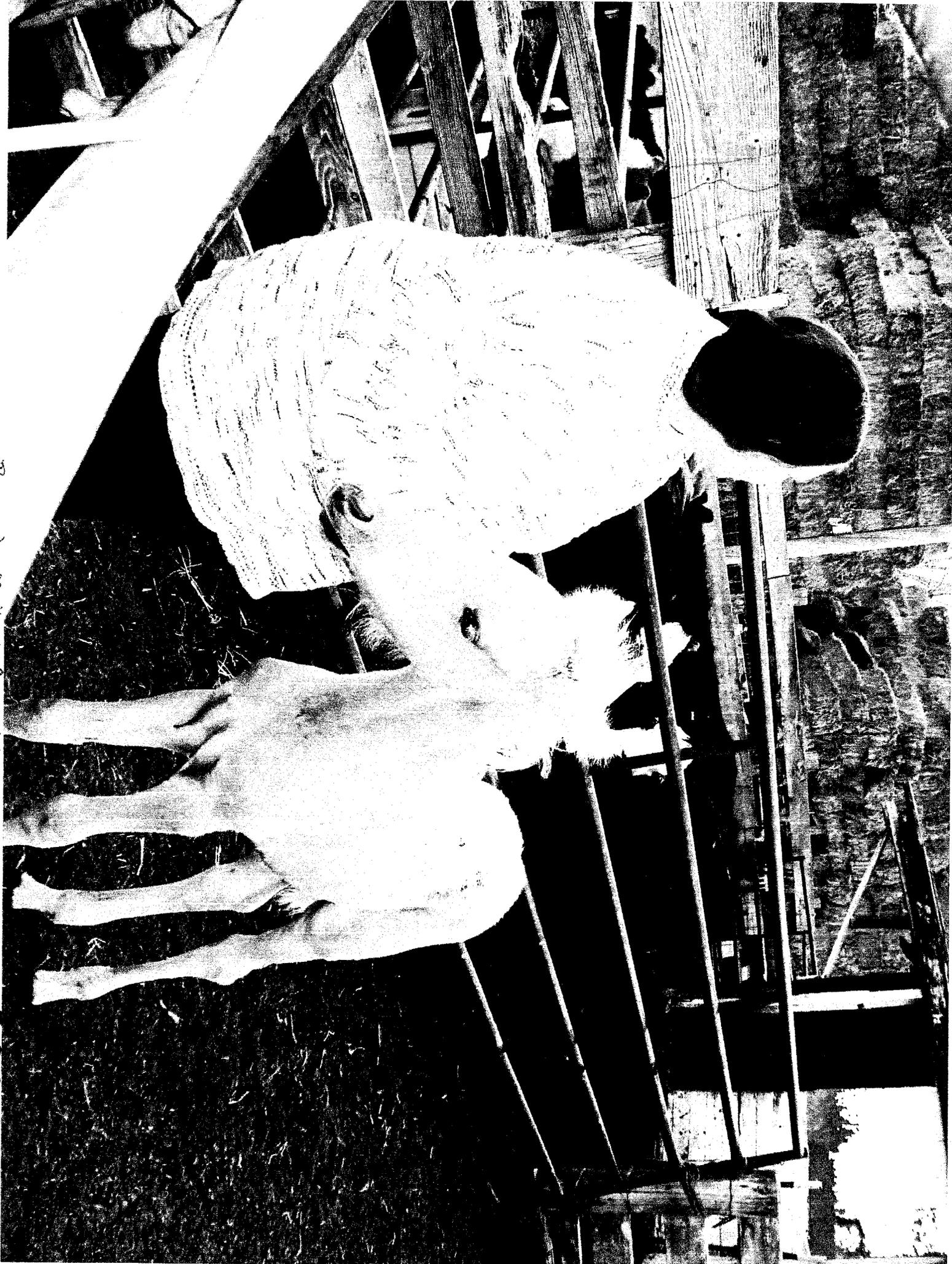
Concerned for my life, my husband moved me to Montana to seek compassionate, legal care. Since being in the Medical Cannabis Program, I have been able to stop the pharmaceuticals and I have lost more than 200 lbs. I have also been seizure-free for over 1 yr, whereas I previously was having 12/day.

HB68 concerns me greatly because it further limits the persons and conditions for which medical cannabis can be recommended. This bill has many good, reasonable propositions. However, safe & natural therapies should be an option for everyone, including probationers. Medical necessity is not related to one's criminal transgressions, nor should safe healthcare be a last resort. Having epilepsy, I would be protected by HB68. However I am testifying today

because I do not believe pain patients and probationers should suffer because of the misbehavior of certain self-serving individuals. Something must be done to regulate this industry, and HB 68 is an excellent start. However, neither repeal nor HB 68 as it is written are not solutions to the problems we face.

Thank you so much for your time and effort on this critical matter.

* Medical Cannabis has enabled me to work full-time for the first time in 7 years.



Prior to Medical Cannabis

5-9-2009



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Seizure Free and down ~300 lbs !!

9-8-2010

Seizure-free for over 14 years!!

1-19-2011



Wendy Warfield King

oppose

* This statement is submitted for Wendy Warfield-King as she ~~is~~ ^{became too ill to speak. Thank you.} ~~is~~
I'm a 49 year old mother & business woman from central Montana. I've suffered from severe & chronic allergies for 20 years. Five years ago my allergies began to trigger debilitating migraines. At the time I was the owner/ operator of The Emporium, Lewistown's only antique mall, the Garden Cafe and K & S Rentals. My migraines became so chronic that I missed an average of three days of work per week, dropped to under 110 pounds, and spent the sick days in bed vomiting and experiencing terrific pain. After a year of illness we closed the restaurant, made plans to move from our country house to a more allergy free town house, and to eventually close the antique business the following year. The migraines and lost productivity persisted, and my only choice of treatment was medication which caused additional stomach irritation and possible organ damage. The medication did not help the pain and vomiting. The illness cycle continued until this fall when I became a medical marijuana patient.

Since becoming a marijuana patient, I no longer need additional pain medication and am able to lead a productive life again. I want to thank you for the opportunity to use a medication that has finally given me pain relief and improved the quality of my life.

I am opposed to HB 108 and ask that you vote against it. I chose an ethical physician + have refused to finance unethical physicians who have created a business selling medical cards.

Because I live in Central Montana, the burden of locating not 1 but 2 physicians or doctor panels would place undue financial hardship on myself and many others. No other medication requires this.

Please vote to preserve my right to choose a natural medication which not only alleviates my pain but is proven to have no negative long term side effects.

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